

Parsons Proclaimer

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They Forgot God

by Martin Klamm

We read about several faithful servants of God in the Old Testament, including Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua faithfully led the Israelites until the day of his death. Judges 2:7 says, *“So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.”* Sadly, the Israelites who came after Joshua and those elders ended up forgetting their history, particularly all that God had done for them. Judges 2:10 says, *“When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.”* From there they just continued to go downhill, because the very next verse says they served false gods. Their downhill slide continued as we read in Judges 3:7 – *“So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs.”*

Wow, what a sad commentary on God’s people. How could they not know God? How could they not know what God had done for them? How could they forget God? How could they worship all those false gods? How could they get to such a bad place?

While we don’t know any specifics of how they got to such a bad place, I think it is safe to say there were at least four things that contributed to their downfall. (1) The Israelites stopped teaching their children and the younger people about God. That would explain why they didn’t know God and what He had done for them. (2) They stopped listening to God and His word. Why would they want to listen to someone they didn’t even know? It’s an understandable, albeit sad, consequence of the older people not teaching the younger about God. (3) The Israelites didn’t keep God’s commandments. God had told them over and over again not to worship the false gods of the land, but they ignored His commands and worshiped (continued on the inside).

MEN TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Worship 05/17/20

Announcements.....Anthony Curtis

“Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God...” (Psalm 147:1)

One Hymn.....Nick Jones

Prayer.....Don Brock

Two Hymns.....Nick Jones

“...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth...”

(John 4:23)

Message.....Martin Klamm

Invitation Hymn.....Nick Jones

Communion Hymn.....Nick Jones

Scripture Reading (Luke 22:15-20).....Jeremy Jones

**Lord’s Supper.....Jeremy Jones, Cade Curtis,
Davis Farlow and Alec Beasley**

Offering Hymn.....Nick Jones

Contribution

Final Hymn.....Nick Jones

Closing Prayer.....Jay Farlow

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them anyway. (4) The Israelites did what they wanted to do. For example, God had told them not to marry the pagan people of the land, but in Judges 3:6 they did exactly that. Why would they do such a thing? They did it because they wanted to.

Romans 15:4 tells us that the things written in the Old Testament are there for us to learn from. Let us learn from the Israelites mistakes and not follow in their sad footsteps. Let’s do our best to teach our children and the younger people about God. Let’s do our best to listen to God and His word. Let’s do our best to keep His commandments. And let’s do our best not to give in to our own selfish wants.

FAMILY NEWS

SICK: Rickey Sparks is continuing chemo. Paul Montgomery, brother of Trissia Goff and elder at Red Walnut, had an accident last week. He had to have some surgery but he is back home. Herman Coleman, Pat Sparks' dad, is not doing well at this time.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Tammy Aldridge, Herman and Martha Coleman, Kenneth Goff, Rick Hudson, Danielle Mathis, Jearlean McKenzie, Ruth Perkins, Nancy Rainey, Rickey Sparks, Kenny Stephens and Addison Walker.

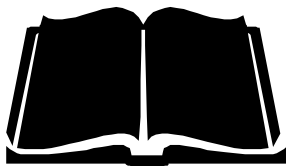
DECATUR COUNTY HEALTH & REHAB: June Loggins, Room 309 and Ruth Perkins, Room 202, Jearlean McKenzie is in Rehab.

REMEMBER!! We will have worship only this Sunday the 17th and next Sunday the 24th, at 10:30. Sunday the 31st we will have regular services, Bible Class at 9:30, worship at 10:30. We will have Sunday Evening service at 6:00. Also following Sunday Evening service we will have our 5th Sunday Congregational Meeting. Wednesday, June 3rd, we will have regular Bible Study at 7:00. Hopefully we will be back to normal.

THANK YOU: It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others. Thanks for being such a special reminder. "Thank you so much for the food, calls, cards and especially the prayers as we are going through this trying time. We love all of you and hope to hug you in person soon."

*In Christian Love,
Pat and Rickey Sparks*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: CALEB ALLEN AND JORDAN PARRISH.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Thursday (2 Kings 13-17)
 Friday (2 Kings 18-20)
 Saturday (2 Kings 21-23)
 Sunday (2 Kings 24-25)
 Monday (2 Kings 4-6; 1 Chronicles 1)
 Tuesday (1 Chronicles 2-4)
 Wednesday (1 Chronicles 5-7)

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TOMBSTONE HUMOR

*Remember, man who passes by,
 As you are now,
 So once was I,
 And as I am now, so must you be.
 Prepare yourself to follow me.
 (Beneath the epitaph, a living wit wrote)
 To follow you, I'm not content,
 Until I learn which way you went.*

*George Burns was asked what he
 would like on his epitaph. He replied:
 "I'd like to be standing where you are
 reading this."*

LAUGHTER

*Minnie Pearl once said: "Laughter is
 God's hand on the shoulders of a
 troubled world."*

**A dad was listening as his little boy said his prayers, the boy said, "God, make me like my daddy—Big and Strong and Smart".
 The dad went to his room and prayed, "Lord make me like my child—Obedient, Faithful and Trusting."**

The Record Speaks

Attendance
Wed. BS
SMBS
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Contribution
Budget 3035

Assemblies

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study7:00 p.m.